NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL (A Component Unit of the State of Delaware) Newark, Delaware

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2007

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL (A Component Unit of the State of Delaware)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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September 25, 2007

Board of Directors Newark Charter School Newark, Delaware

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Newark Charter School (the "School"), Newark, Delaware (a component unit of the State of Delaware) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these basic financial statements based on our audit. The prior year summarized comparative information has been derived from the School's financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006 and, in our report dated November 29, 2006, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those fund financial statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Newark Charter School as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 25, 2007, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the budgetary information on pages 3 through 10 and page 28, respectively, are not required parts of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited



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procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Newark Charter School's basic financial statements. The schedules on pages 29-31 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SECTION

Our discussion and analysis of the School's financial performance provides an overview of the School's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2007, which was the School's sixth full year of operations and also its fourth year of operations in its newly constructed 59,000 square foot facility located at 2001 Patriot Way in Newark. Please read it in conjunction with the Independent Auditors' Report and the School's financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The School's net assets increased by \$1,298,429, or 41 percent, and totaled \$4,464,417 as of June 30, 2007.

The primary changes in the School's Statement of Net Assets compared to FY 2006 were an increase in cash in the amount of \$3,904,986; an increase in capital assets net of depreciation in the amount of \$7,505,433 offset by an increase in its note payable balance of \$8,567,509; and an increase in accounts payable in the amount of \$1,999,350. The note payable balance increased as the result of building a new elementary school during this fiscal year. The School's balance related to current liabilities increased by \$1,073,998 to \$2,761,750, primarily as the result of a \$1.8 million payable on the K-4 building that was paid in July 2007, in addition to growth in the year-end accruals for expenditures, salary and associated taxes and benefits. Most of these nonbuilding-related accruals relate to the fact that the School's teaching staff works on a 10-month school year basis and is compensated over a full 12-month payment period, resulting in a two-month "lag" accrual at June 30.

Total revenues for the year (both general and program-related) increased by \$1,103,379, or 19 percent, in FY 2007 compared to FY 2006, totaling to \$5,919,229 for the year. General revenues increased by \$801,751 during FY 2007, primarily due to increased state reimbursement rates. Enrollment was consistent at 648 for FY 2007 and FY 2006. The 648 figure represents the School's maximum enrollment per its charter. Operating grants for FY 2007 decreased slightly from the previous year by \$43,963 to \$283,152, and capital grants increased by \$345,591 due to contributions received for construction of a new elementary school.

Total expenses (gross) for FY 2007 totaled to \$5,724,179, an increase of \$412,848, or eight percent, compared to FY 2006. Instructional, facility-related and transportation-related costs all increased in FY 2007 compared to FY 2006. The primary reasons for these increases were the increased reimbursement rates cited above, increased interest expense due to new borrowing and general economic conditions, particularly in regard to increased transportation (busing) costs.

USING THIS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This annual financial report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. The statements are organized so the reader can understand the School as a whole and then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

REPORTING THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities

One of the most important questions asked about School finances is, "Is the School better or worse off as a result of the year's activities?". The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the School as a whole and about its activities in a manner that helps to answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by private sector corporations. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into consideration regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School's net assets and changes in them. The change in net assets provides the reader with a tool to assist in determining whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. The reader will need to consider other nonfinancial factors such as student enrollment stability and facility conditions in arriving at a conclusion regarding the overall health of the School.

REPORTING THE SCHOOL'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Fund Financial Statements

Our analysis of the School's major funds and fund financial statements provides detailed information about the most significant funds - not the School as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State statute, while many other funds are established by the School to help manage money for particular purposes and compliance with various grant provisions. The School's two types of funds, governmental and fiduciary, use different accounting approaches as further described in the notes to the financial statements.

Governmental Funds

Most of the Charter School's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps one determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources available to spend in the near future to finance the School's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the basic financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

The School is fiduciary for its student activity assets that, due to a fiduciary arrangement, can be used only for student activities. All of the School's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets. We exclude these activities from the School's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the School to finance its operations.

ENTITY-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the School, assets exceeded liabilities by \$4,464,417 at the close of the fiscal year. Note that invested in capital assets are reported net of related debt and net of depreciation. The School uses capital assets to provide services; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Table 1 NET ASSETS

	Governmen	ntal Activities
	2007	2006*
Current and Other Assets: Cash and investments Due from State of Delaware - interest earnings Receivables Total Current Assets	\$ 6,479,638 15,401 <u>13,796</u> 6,508,835	\$ 2,574,652 10,373 - 2,585,025
Noncurrent Assets: Capital assets, net of depreciation Bond issuance costs	15,313,095 <u>533,656</u>	7,807,662
TOTAL ASSETS	22,355,586	10,392,687
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued salaries and related costs Capital lease liability Due to State of Delaware – pension costs Note payable Total Current Liabilities	2,052,094 614,888 1,468 93,300 	52,744 531,834 1,466 67,694 420,260 1,073,998
Noncurrent Liabilities: Compensated absences Capital lease liability Note payable Total Noncurrent Liabilities	223,700 719 <u>14,905,000</u> <u>15,129,419</u>	233,283 2,187 <u>5,917,231</u> <u>6,152,701</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,891,169	7,226,699
Net Assets: Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted for debt service Unrestricted	1,758,775 1,049,715 1,655,927	2,074,570 68,782 1,022,636
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 4,464,417	<u>\$ 3.165,988</u>

^{*} restated for comparative purposes.

A portion of the School's net assets represents resources subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets may be used to meet the School's ongoing activities.

The School is able to report positive balances in net assets, both for the government as a whole and for its separate governmental-type activities.

Table 2
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Governmen	tal Activities
	2007	2006
REVENUES		
General revenues:		
Charges to school districts	\$ 1,968,516	\$ 1,824,372
Payments from primary government	4,045,578	3,650,873
Interest income	379,771	116,869
Program revenues:		
Operating grants and contributions	283,152	327,115
Capital grants and contributions	<u>345,591</u>	-
Total Revenues	<u>7,022,608</u>	<u>5,919,229</u>
EXPENSES		
Instructional services	4,213,346	4,051,914
Support services:		
Operation and maintenance of facilities	549,765	420,468
Transportation	555,742	451,638
Interest payments on long-term debt	<u>405,326</u>	<u> 387,311</u>
Total Expenses	5,724,179	<u> 5,311,331</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,298,429</u>	<u>\$ 607,898</u>

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the School's governmental activities increased by \$1,298,429, and unrestricted net assets reflect a positive balance of \$1,655,927. The increase in net assets is primarily the result of increased state and local reimbursement rates and effective cost management.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The table below reflects the cost of program services and the net cost of those services after taking into account the program revenues for governmental activities. General revenues that include charges to School Districts, investment earnings and state entitlements must support the net cost of the School's programs.

	2007 9	Services	2006 S	ervices
	Total Cost 2007	Net Cost 2007	Total Cost 2006	Net Cost 2006
Governmental Activities: Instructional services Support services:	\$ 4,213,346	\$ 3,930,194	\$ 4,051,914	\$ 3,724,799
Operation and maintenance of facilities	549,765	204,174	420,468	420,468
Transportation	555,742	555,742	451,638	451,638
Interest on long-term debt	405,326	405,326	<u> 387,311</u>	<u> 387,311</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 5,724,179</u>	<u>\$ 5,095,436</u>	<u>\$ 5.311.331</u>	<u>\$ 4,984,216</u>

The reliance on general revenues to support governmental activities is indicated by the net services column reflecting the need for \$5,095,436 of support as well as general revenues comprising 96 percent of total revenues.

THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

The School's governmental funds (as presented on the balance sheet) reported a combined fund balance of \$3,748,553 compared to last year's total of \$1,932,753. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balances as of June 30, 2007 and 2006.

	2007	2006	Increase (<u>Decrease</u>)
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for encumbrances	\$ -	\$ 5,796	\$ (5,796)
Reserved for textbooks		846	(846)
Reserved - building	1,352,867	608,052	744,815
Reserved - debt service	1,049,715	68,782	980,933
Unreserved - general fund	1,345,971	1,249,277	96,694
Governmental funds	<u>\$ 3,748,553</u>	\$ 1.932.753	\$1.815.800

Governmental Funds

The School's fund balance increase is due to a variety of factors. The tables that follow assist in illustrating the financial activities and balance of governmental funds.

	Total Gove	ernmental Funds
	2007	2006
REVENUES:	***************************************	***************************************
Charges to school districts	\$ 1,968,516	\$ 1,824,372
State aid	4,045,578	3,650,873
Federal aid	137,915	222,794
Interest income	379,771	116,869
Contributions	490,828	104,321
TOTAL REVENUES	7,022,608	5,919,229
EXPENDITURES:		
Current:		
Instruction	4,135,658	3,936,937
Operation and maintenance of facilities	364,516	235,086
Transportation	555,742	451,638
Debt service:		
Principal	6,671,303	1,126,913
Interest	405,326	387,311
Financing costs	533,656	-
Capital outlays:		
Property and equipment	<u> 7,779,419</u>	<u>25,803</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20,445,620	<u>6,163,688</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES UNDER EXPENDITURES	(13,423,012)	(244,459)

	Total Governr	nental Funds
(cont'd)	2007	2006
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Transfers in	2,165,293	-
Transfers out	(2,165,293)	-
Proceeds from financing	<u> 15,238,812</u>	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>15,238,812</u>	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,815,800	(244,459)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,932,753	2,177,212
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,748,553</u>	<u>\$ 1,932,753</u>

The School's revenues and other financing sources exceeded expenditures for FY 2007 by \$1,815,800 resulting in an increase in fund balance. New long- and short-term financing proceeds were received during the FY 2007 year in the amount of \$15,238,812. The fund balances remain at a level comfortably adequate to provide for anticipated cash flow needs, including projected debt service levels.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET INFORMATION

The School's budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. The School may amend its revenue and expenditure estimates periodically due to changing conditions. The original budget was not amended during fiscal year 2007.

The following are explanations for the more significant variances between budget versus actual revenues and expenditures as shown on page 28.

Revenues

Charges to School Districts

The favorable variance of \$154,116 is attributable primarily to the utilization of prior year per-student local funding rates. According to Department of Education ("DOE") guidelines, revenue estimates for budgeting purposes cannot exceed prior year actuals. A local rate increase of \$225 for 648 students accounts for this variance.

State Aid

The favorable variance of \$381,578 is attributable primarily to the utilization of prior year per-student state funding rates. According to DOE guidelines, revenue estimates for budgeting purposes cannot exceed prior year actuals. A state rate increase of \$600 for 648 students accounts for this variation.

Interest Income

The favorable variance of \$107,232 is attributable to having excess cash during the fiscal year.

Expenditures

<u>Salaries</u>

The unfavorable variance of \$171,755 is attributable to \$50,000 paid out in summer school, retirement and bonus monies not budgeted. The remainder represents teacher salaries budgeted at a rate not consistent with degree level and years of experience, as the budgeting was completed prior to this information being available.

Contractual Services

The favorable variance of \$124,079 is attributed to costs that were budgeted but actually charged to capital outlay due to construction of the new building.

Communications

The unfavorable variance of \$65,370 is attributable to \$56,500 being paid to COMTEC to install the new phone system for the K-4 school.

Repairs and Maintenance

The unfavorable variance of \$63,425 is attributable to the School's buying out the old copier lease to support the K-4 school for \$25,000 and \$17,000 building materials for the new K-4 school.

Property

The unfavorable variance of \$521,094 is attributable to the fact that the School was required to expend funds out of DFMS to support the new K-4 school opening - \$339,000 building invoices/contract and \$145,000 for engineers/construction managers prior to loan settlement.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The School has \$15,313,095 invested in capital assets net of depreciation, all of which is attributed to governmental activities. Acquisitions for governmental activities totaled \$7,736,789, and depreciation was \$231,356. Detailed information regarding capital asset activity is included in the notes to the basic financial statements.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of July 1, 2006, the School had total outstanding debt of \$6,337,491. During the year, the School issued Revenue Bond, Series 2006, resulting in ending outstanding debt of \$14,905,000 as of June 30, 2007.

Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and sick leave for School employees. More detailed information about long-term liabilities is included in Note 4 to the financial statements.

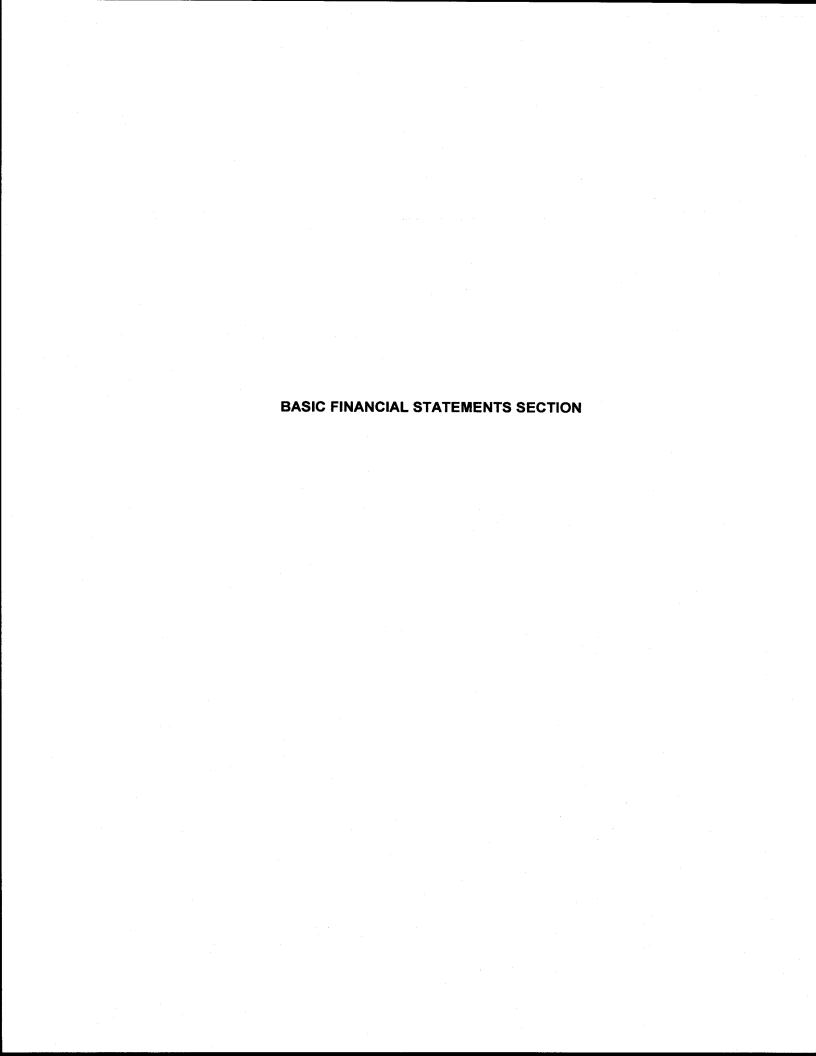
FACTORS EXPECTED TO HAVE AN EFFECT ON FUTURE OPERATIONS

Fiscal year 2007 was the sixth year of operation as a functioning school. The School expects that its enrollment will increase to 1,298 (planned capacity) in FY 2008 due to the School's being granted a charter modification to expand its grade configuration to include grades Kindergarten through 4. Larger enrollment would result in an increase in state and local district revenues, as well as an increase in operating expenses.

The financial model the School has developed is based on the funding formula currently in effect under the Delaware Charter School Law. If the funding formula for charter schools changes, adjustments to the underlying assumptions of the model will have to be made.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our fellow citizens, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact the School office at (302) 369-2001.



NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2007

	Govern	nmental Activities
	2007	2006*
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:	A 0 010 000	A 1.007.010
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,213,022	\$ 1,897,818
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	4,266,616	676,834
Receivables:		
Due from State of Delaware - interest earnings	15,401	10,373
Other	13,796	
Total Current Assets	<u>6,508,835</u>	<u>2,585,025</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS:		
Capital assets, net of depreciation	15,313,095	7,807,662
Bond issuance costs	533,656	
Total Noncurrent Assets	15,846,751	7,807,662
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$22,355,586</u>	<u>\$10,392,687</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT LIABILITIES: Accounts payable Accrued salaries Capital lease liability Due to State of Delaware - pension costs Notes payable Total Current Liabilities NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:	\$ 2,052,094 614,888 1,468 93,300 	\$ 52,744 531,834 1,466 67,694 420,260 1,073,998
Compensated absences	223,700	233,283
Capital lease liability	719	2,187
Note payable	14,905,000	5,917,231
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	15,129,419	6,152,701
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,891,169	7,226,699
NET ASSETS:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,758,775	2,074,570
Restricted for debt service	1,049,715	68,782
Unrestricted	1,655,927	1,022,636
Total Net Assets	4,464,417	3,165,988
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$22,355,586	<u>\$10.392.687</u>

^{*} Restated for comparative purposes.

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Net (Expense) Revenues and	Changes in Net Assets Total	\$ (3,930,194)	(204,174)	(405,326)	(5,095,436)	1,968,516 4,045,578 379,771 6,393,865	1,298,429	3,165,988
	Capital Grants and Contributions	.	345, 591	t	\$ 345,591			
Program Revenues	Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 283,152	1 1	•	\$ 283,152	districts mary government ENUES	ETS	NING OF YEAR
	Charges for Services		1 1	1		GENERAL REVENUES Charges to school districts Payments from primary government Interest income TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR
	Expenses	\$(4,213,346)	(549,765) (555,742)	(405,326)	\$(5,724,179)			
		GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES Instructional services Support services:	Operation and maintenance of facilities Transportation	Interest and Tinancing Costs on long-term debt	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

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Net (Expense) Revenues and	Changes in Net Assets	Total	\$ (3,724,799)	(420,468) (451,638) (387,311)	(4,984,216)	1,824,372 3,650,873 116,869 5,592,114	607,898	2,558,090	\$ 3,165,988
	Capital Grants and	Contributions	· •	1-1-1	-				
Program Revenues	Operating Grants and	Contributions	\$ 327,115		\$ 327,115	districts mary government ENUES	ETS	VING OF YEAR	F YEAR
	Charges for	Services	· ∽		•	GENERAL REVENUES Charges to school districts Payments from primary government Interest income TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR
		Expenses	\$(4,051,914)	(420,468) (451,638) (387,311)	\$(5,311,331)				
		COVEDNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	Support services	Operation and maintenance of facilities Transportation Interest on long-term debt	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2007

Cash and cash equivalents - restricted Receivables, net of allowance: Due from State of Delaware - Interest earnings Other TOTAL ASSETS LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$2,213,022 84,819 15,401	\$ 3,135,843	Fund 1,045,954 3,761 \$1,049,715		\$1,897,818 676,834 10,373
Accounts payable Accrued salaries Due to State of Delaware - pension costs Total Liabilities FUND BALANCES: Reserved for encumbrances Reserved for building Reserved for: Textbooks/library Unreserved Total Fund Balances	\$ 174,264 614,888 93,300 882,452 - 84,819 - 1,345,971 1,430,790	\$1,877,830 - 1,877,830 - 1,268,048 - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,049,715 1,049,715 1,049,715	\$2,052,094 614,888 93,300 2,760,282 1,049,715 1,352,867 1,345,971 3,748,553 \$6,508,835	\$ 52,744 531,834 652,272 652,272 5,796 68,782 608,052 11,249,277 11,332,753

^{*} Restated for comparative purposes.

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2007

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

\$ 3,748,553

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation as detailed in the footnotes are included in the statement of net assets.

15,313,095

Bond issuance costs resulted in deferred charges which will be amortized over the life of the new debt but do not represent current rights.

533,656

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those liabilities consist of:

Compensated absences Notes payable and capital lease \$ (223,700) (14,907,187)

(15,130,887)

TOTAL NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$ 4,464,417

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUN	NET	CHANGE IN	FUND BALANCES -	TOTAL GOVERNMENTA	I FUNDS
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\$ 1,815,800

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 are capitalized and the cost is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital outlays	
Depreciation expense	

\$7,736,789

(231,356)

7,505,433

Debt proceeds are reported as financing sources in the governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net assets, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of net assets.

Principal - notes payable	6,671,303	
Capital lease payment	1,466	
New debt	(15,238,812)

Governmental funds report bond issuance costs as expenditures. However, this amount is reported on the statement of net assets as deferred charges and is amortized over the life of the debt.

533,656

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Compensated absences

9,583

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$ 1.298,429

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS - AGENCY FUND JUNE 30, 2007

	Student Activities Fund	
ASSETS	2007	2006
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 81.889</u>	<u>\$ 72.361</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to student groups	\$ 81.889	<u>\$ 72,361</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of the Charter School

Newark Charter School is organized under Delaware Code, Title 14, Chapter 5 of the State of Delaware. The Charter School Law grants authority for independent public schools to be created for the purpose of increasing choices for parents of public school students and increasing academic performance. A charter school is an independent public school governed by an independent board of directors. In Delaware, charter schools have the same basic standing as a school district with some exceptions - most notably, they may not levy taxes. To encourage innovation, charter schools operate free from a number of state laws and regulations. Newark Charter School's initial charter was granted for a three-year period, renewable every five years thereafter.

Charter schools are funded similarly to other public schools in that state and local funds are allocated for each enrolled student. Public funds are not provided for facilities. Charter schools may charge for selected additional costs consistent with those permitted by other school districts. Because a charter school receives local, state and federal funds, they may not charge tuition.

The financial statements of Newark Charter School have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies of Newark Charter School (the "School") are described below.

Reporting Entity

The School is the primary government and is considered a component unit of the State of Delaware. A component unit, although a legally separate entity, is, in substance, part of the State of Delaware's operations. The School has no component units for which it is considered to be financially accountable.

Entity-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The entity-wide financial statements (the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the School. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these financial statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific program. Program revenues include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. The major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Entity-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Charges to the School are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are billed. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, early retirement and post-employment healthcare benefits, are recorded only when payment is due.

Charges to the school districts, state appropriations and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when the School receives cash.

The School reports the following major governmental funds:

- General Fund. The general fund is the School's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the School, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Capital Projects Fund. These funds are maintained to accumulate resources for the construction activity relating to the new building.
- **Debt Service Fund.** These funds are maintained to accumulate resources for the payment of interest and principal on long-term general obligation debt.

Additionally, the School reports the following fund type:

• Student Activities Agency Fund (a fiduciary fund). Accounts for assets held on behalf of student groups.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to students for special fees, supplies or services provided; 2) operating grants and contributions; and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include charges to school districts.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (cont'd)

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the School's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits.

Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., current portion) or "advances from/to other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion). At June 30, 2007, the School had no such activity.

Advances between funds, when present in the financial statements, are offset by fund balance reserves in the applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources. At June 30, 2007, the School had no such activity.

The School considers all accounts receivable at year end to be collectible; therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include buildings, and furniture and equipment, are reported in the entity-wide financial statements. The School defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend lives of the assets are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest cost incurred during construction is capitalized.

Buildings, and furniture and equipment of the School are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The School generally uses the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings Furniture and fixtures Equipment

40 years
3 years
5 years

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Compensated Absences

Vacation pay plus related payroll taxes are accrued when incurred in the entity-wide financial statements. The liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only when the liability matures, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

Vacation - Twelve-month employees can accumulate up to 10 days of vacation. Any days in excess of 10 are dropped as of July 1 of each year. Employees are paid for unused vacation upon termination, retirement, etc. at the current rate of pay.

Sick Leave - Sick leave allowances are as follows: teachers shall be allowed 10 days of sick leave per year and annual employees earn one day of sick leave for each month worked. Any unused sick days shall be accumulated to the employee's credit up to a maximum of 90 days. Compensation for accumulated sick days is received when employees (a) qualify and apply for state pension and are paid at a rate of 50 percent of the per diem rate of pay not to exceed 90 days; or (b) in the case of death, when payment is made to the employee's estate at a rate of one day's pay for each day of unused sick leave not to exceed 90 days.

The compensated absences liability was \$223,700 and \$233,283 at June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Restricted Net Assets

Restricted net assets are comprised of assets, net of related liabilities, that are required to be set aside for debt service payments. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it the School's policy to use restricted resources first and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund Balances

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a restricted purpose.

Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year is presented in the basic financial statements to provide an understanding of changes in the School's financial position and operations. That comparative data is not at the level of detail required for a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and has been restated and reclassified, as needed, from the presentation in the School's June 30, 2006 basic financial statements to be comparative with the current year presentation.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2007 and 2006, the School had a cash equivalent balance of \$6,561,527 and \$2,647,013, respectively. Of those amounts, \$2,722,947 and \$2,561,104 as of June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, were part of an investment pool controlled by the personnel of the State Treasurer's Office in Dover, Delaware, and all investment decisions are made by the State Treasurer's Office. These funds are considered to be highly liquid and available for immediate use and, thus, are recorded as cash equivalents in these financial statements.

The funds held by the State of Delaware investment pool, an internal investment pool, are specifically identified for the School, but the credit risk cannot be categorized for these funds. Credit risk for such investments depends on the financial stability of the State of Delaware. The State reports that its investment securities are stated at quoted market prices, except that investment securities with a remaining maturity at time of purchase of one year or less are stated at cost or amortized cost.

At June 30, 2007 and 2006, the reported amount of the School's deposits outside of the State Treasurer's Office was \$3,838,580 and \$85,909, respectively. The bank balance at June 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$3,838,589 and \$85,914, respectively, of which \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$3,738,589 and \$0, respectively, was not insured or collateralized and, therefore, was subject to custodial credit risk.

NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2007 is as follows:

Governmental Activities:

General capital assets not	Beginning Balances	Increases	(Decreases)	Ending Balances
being depreciated: Land Construction-in-progress	\$ 846,710 7,190	\$ 765,181	\$ - (7,190)	\$ 1,611,891
Total general capital assets not being depreciated	853,900	765,181	(7,190)	1,611,891
General capital assets being depreciated				·
Buildings	7,468,590	6,942,665	-	14,411,255
Furniture and equipment Total general capital assets	219,156	36,133		255,289
being depreciated	7,687,746	6,978,798	-	14,666,544
Accumulated depreciation	(733,984)	(231,356)		(965,340)
Total general capital assets being depreciated, net	6,953,762	6.747,442		13,701,204
Governmental Activities, Net	\$7,807,662	<u>\$7.512.623</u>	<u>\$ (7.190)</u>	\$15,313,095

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u> (cont'd)

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental activities:

Instructional services \$ 44,641
Operations and maintenance of facilities \$ 186,715

\$ 231,356

NOTE 4 LONG-TERM DEBT

Wells Fargo Bond

Revenue Bond, Series 2006, 4.0% to 5.0%, October 31, 2006 to December 31, 2036. The purpose of this issue was to provide funding for capital projects. The first principal payment is due in December 2008.

\$14,905,000

The total principal and interest maturities are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	Total
2008	\$ -	\$ 729,437	\$ 729,437
2009	245,000	724,856	969,856
2010	255,000	714,856	969,856
2011	265,000	704,456	969,456
2012	275,000	693,484	968,484
2013-2017	1,595,000	3,263,306	4,858,306
2018-2022	2,025,000	2,824,375	4,849,375
2023-2027	2,605,000	2,248,625	4,853,625
2028-2032	3,350,000	1,508,000	4,858,000
2033-2037	4,290,000	<u>557,500</u>	4,847,500
Total	\$14.905.000	\$13,968,895	\$28.873.895

A schedule of changes in debt is as follows:

	Outstanding <u>6/30/2006</u>	_Additions	Retirements	Outstanding	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Note payable	\$6,337,491	\$15,238,812	\$(6,671,303)	\$14,905,000	\$ -
Capital lease agreement	3,653	-	(1,466)	2,187	1,468
Compensated absences	233,283		(9,583)	223,700	<u>-</u>
Total Governmental					
Activities	<u>\$6,574,427</u>	\$15.238.812	<u>\$(6,682,352)</u>	<u>\$15,130,887</u>	<u>\$ 1,468</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5 PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

School employees are considered state employees and are covered under the State of Delaware Employees' Pension Plan which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit public employees retirement system (the "State PERS"). The State of Delaware General Assembly is responsible for setting benefits and amending plan provisions. The State Board of Pension Trustees determines the contributions required. All eligible state employees are required to contribute to the pension plan according to Chapter 55, Title 29 of the Delaware Code.

All full-time and regular part-time employees are eligible to participate in the State PERS. The State PERS provides pension, disability and death benefits. Certain significant plan provisions follow:

- Early retirement:
 - a. 15 years service age 55
 - b. 25 years service any age
- Service retirement:
 - a. 15 years service age 60
 - b. 30 years service any age
 - c. 5 years service age 62
- Disability retirement:
 - a. 5 years service and proof of disability
- Vested pension an employee can vest pension rights after five years of service.

The State PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the State of Delaware Public Employee Retirement System, McArdle Building, Suite 1, 860 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE 19904, or by calling 1-800-722-7300.

Funding Policy

Employees of the School are required to contribute three percent of earnings in excess of \$6,000. The School's contribution to the State PERS for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$395,494 and \$381,612, respectively.

NOTE 6 LEASING ARRANGEMENTS

Operating Lease

The School leases its copier equipment under an operating lease arrangement expiring in August 2010. Total rental expense for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$26,508 and \$26,280, respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 LEASING ARRANGEMENTS (cont'd)

At June 30, 2007, the minimum future rental payments under noncancelable leasing arrangements having remaining terms in excess of one year for the remaining years and in the aggregate are:

Years Ending June 30.

2008 2009	\$	26,508 26,508
2010	_	17,672
Minimum future rental payments required	<u>\$</u>	70,688

Capital Lease

The School leases its floor scrubber equipment under a capital leasing arrangement expiring in November 2008. The equipment has an original purchase price of \$7,000, with a bargain purchase option at the end of the lease term for the sum of one dollar. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of future minimum lease payments as of the inception date.

The assets acquired through the capital lease are as follows:

Furniture and equipment Less: Accumulated depreciation	\$ 7,000 (4,900)
Total	\$ 2,100

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2007 were as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008 2009	\$ 1,468 	\$ 139 11	\$ 1,607
	\$ 2.187	<u>\$ 150</u>	<u>\$ 2,337</u>
Total minimum	\$ 2.337		
Present Value	\$ 2.187		

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7 RISK MANAGEMENT

The School has purchased commercial insurance policies for various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or acts of God. Payments of premiums for these policies are recorded as expenses of the School. Insurance settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past two years. There were no significant reductions in coverage compared to the prior year.

NOTE 8 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, there are outstanding various commitments and contingent liabilities in addition to the normal encumbrances for the purchase of goods and services. The School does not anticipate losses from these transactions.

<u>Grants</u>

The School receives significant financial assistance from federal agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the State Office of Auditor of Accounts. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund. The School's administration believes such disallowance, if any, would be immaterial.

Construction Commitments

As of June 30, 2007, the School was in the process of planning an expansion through the construction of a new building. Construction commitments completed to date are as follows:

Contract	Contract <u>Amount</u>	Commitments	Completed to June 30, 2007
Construction manager	\$ 7,539,480	\$ 2.654.512	<u>\$4,884,968</u>

NOTE 9 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Newark Charter School contracts various accounting services throughout the year with Innovative Schools Development Corporation (ISDC), at a rate of \$1,600 per month. The President of the Board of Directors of Newark Charter School is also the Chief Executive Officer of ISDC.

NOTE 10 LINE OF CREDIT

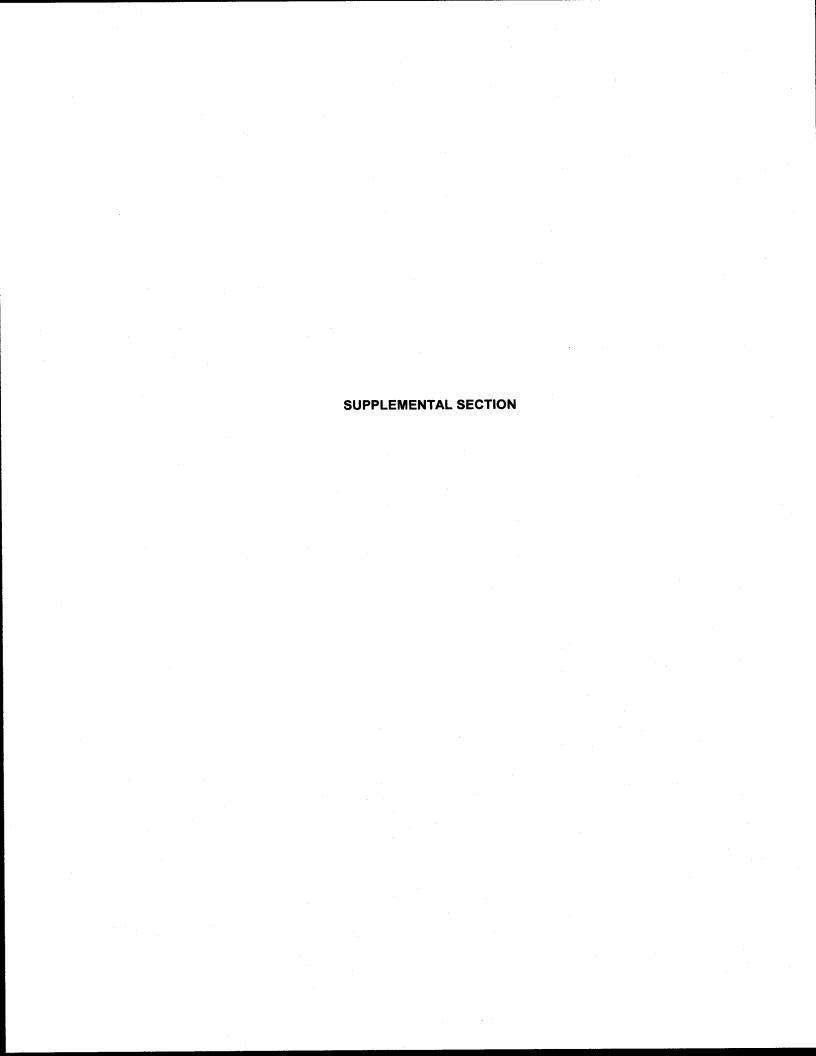
The School has a line of credit under which it may borrow up to \$100,000 at prime rate plus 1.50 percent. This line of credit is unsecured. The interest rate at June 30, 2007 was 9.75 percent and no borrowings occurred during the year.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SECTION

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Variance with Final Budget	\$1.968,516	2, 788, 451 396, 539 2, 776 145, 221 71, 370 151, 069 35, 742 140, 425 178, 926 140, 425 140, 425	79,139 (36,639) 1,271,094 (521,094) - 1,086,520 6,406,149 360,678	68,329	36,988 (872,310) 333,812 (501,510) (433,181) (433,181) (433,202) \$1,430,720
Budgeted Amounts	\$1,814,400 3,664,000 125,000 70,000 80,000 145,000 5,898,400	2,616,696 1,020,511 9,000 269,300 6,000 40,000 550,800 77,000	42,500 750,000 1,086,520 6,766,827	(868,427)	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Budgete	\$1,814,400 3,664,000 125,000 70,000 80,000 145,000 5,898,400	2,616,696 1,020,511 9,000 269,300 6,000 105,000 77,000 77,000	42,500 750,000 <u>1,086,520</u> <u>6,766,827</u>	(868,427)	-
	REVENUES: Charges to school districts State aid Federal aid Interest income Contributions Other local sources	EXPENDITURES Current: Salaries Employment costs Travel Contractions Public utilities service Insurance Transportation - buses Repairs and maintenance Supplies and materials	Capital Outlays: Equipment	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Transfers in Transfers out Proceeds from financing TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR

NOTE: The School's budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting.



NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND JUNE 30, 2007

State <u>Allocation</u>	Local <u>Funding</u>	Federal <u>Funding</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$ 223,571	\$1,989,451	\$ -	\$2,213,022
-	84,819	- .	84,819
<u> </u>	<u> 15,401</u>	***************************************	<u>15,401</u>
<u>\$ 223.571</u>	<u>\$2.089.671</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$2,313,242
			•
\$ 148,582	\$ 25,682	\$ -	\$ 174,264
-	614,888	-	614,888
-	93,300	-	93,300
<u>148,582</u>	<u>733,870</u>	-	<u>882,452</u>
-	84,819	-	84,819
	•		
74,989	1,270,982		1,345,971
74,989	1,355,801	_	<u>1,430,790</u>
<u>\$ 223.571</u>	\$2.089.671	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$2,313,242</u>
	\$ 223,571 \$ 223,571 \$ 148,582 	Allocation Funding \$ 223,571 \$1,989,451 84,819 - 15,401 \$ 223,571 \$2,089,671 \$ 148,582 \$ 25,682 614,888 93,300 148,582 733,870 - 84,819 - 74,989 74,989 1,270,982 74,989 1,355,801	Allocation Funding Funding \$ 223,571 \$1,989,451 \$ - 84,819 - - - 15,401 - \$ 223,571 \$2,089,671 \$ - \$ 148,582 \$ 25,682 \$ - - 614,888 - - 93,300 - 148,582 733,870 - - 84,819 - - 84,819 - - 74,989 1,270,982 - - 1,355,801 -

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	State Allocation	Local Funding	Federal Funding	Totals
REVENUES	•			
Charges to school districts	\$ -	\$1,968,516	\$ -	\$1,968,516
State aid	4,045,578	-	-	4,045,578
Federal aid	-	-	137,915	137,915
Interest income	-	177,232	-	177,232
Contributions	<u> </u>	145,237	-	145,237
TOTAL REVENUES	4.045,578	2,290,985	<u> 137,915</u>	6,474,478
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction	2,421,607	1,576,236	137,815	4,135,658
Operation and maintenance				
of facilities	226,681	137,835		364,516
Transportation	335,670	220,072		555,742
Capital Outlays:				
Property and equipment	<u>135,012</u>	<u>1,215,121</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1,350,233</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,118,970</u>	3,149,264	137,915	<u>6,406,149</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES				
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>926,608</u>	<u>(858,279</u>)	<u> </u>	68,329
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	•	36,988		36,988
Transfers out	(872,310)	-	-	(872,310)
Proceeds from financing		<u>333,812</u>	-	<u>333,812</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
(USES)	<u>(872.310</u>)	370,800	-	<u>(501,510</u>)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	54,298	(487,479)	- -	(433,181)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF				
YEAR	20,691	1,843,280		<u>1.863.971</u>
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 74,989	<u>\$1,355.801</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$1,430,790</u>

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES BY NATURAL CLASSIFICATION - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Current: \$2,788,451 Salaries 986,539 **Employment costs** 2,776 Travel 145,221 Contractual services 71,370 **Communications** 151,069 Public utilities service 35,397 Insurance Transportation - buses 555,742 140,425 Repairs and maintenance

Capital Outlays:

Supplies and materials

EXPENDITURES

Equipment 79,139
Property 1,271,094

178,926

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$6,406,149

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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September 25, 2007

Board of Directors Newark Charter School Newark, Delaware

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining information of Newark Charter School, Newark, Delaware as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007 and have issued our report thereon dated September 25, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Newark Charter School's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Newark Charter School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the School's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the School's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.



Board of Directors Newark Charter School

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Newark Charter School's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the Department of Education, Office of the Governor, Office of the Controller General, Office of Attorney General, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Auditor of Accounts and the Department of Finance; and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under 29 Del. C., Section 10002(d), this report is a public record and its distribution is not limited.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

None.

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.